

W. A. BRADY STAR AT DINNER

THEATRICAL MAN SETS THE CALIFORNIANS CHEERING.

Explains That We Owe to the Pacific West the Good Things of the American Stage—Toasts Drunk to the West and to Bret Harte's Memory.

New York would have been a pretty poky settlement if it hadn't been for the Californians. They came here themselves last night at the California Society dinner at the St. Regis. They went on to prove it at length, cheering all the native sons from John McCullough to Jim Jeffries.

There weren't many Californians at the dinner, only a hundred or so, but they cheered with the vigor of triple the number. When they tired cheering William A. Brady's list of distinguished Californians, they cheered James W. Arnsperg, the discoverer of gold, a little statuette of whom was at every man's plate; remembered Col. Starbottle, drank a toast to Jack Hamilton, and then stood and drank a silent toast to the man who gave the Colonel and the gambler to the world—Bret Harte.

The dinner was held in the little ballroom of the St. Regis, an American flag waving over the heads of the men at the tables of honor. Edward McGanney, president of the California Society, was toastmaster. At his table were William A. Brady, the theatrical manager; Robert H. Davis of *Mansey's Magazine*; the Rev. Dr. Robert McKenzis, F. Drew Hughes and others.

"When the secretary asked me to talk," said President McGanney, "he told me I had to do the dinner would be a success anyway. Three or four years ago I don't know how many of you were here, and I know that from the way New York had been bumping itself that there must be 250 or 300 Californians in town.

"Originally, you know, the people in this burg were truck gardeners, innkeepers and farmers. They just sat still and let people come in, build up the town and make a few dollars. Then the California invasion. New York was a better place to live in than Philadelphia, but not so good as San Francisco. (Cheers.)

"Twenty-five years ago the Californians began to move in and the town started booming. There was something doing right away. The skyline got its first puncture down near the end of the old street. California came in. Street names R. Keene and the stock market manipulations got pretty dinned soon; another street struck the old line. There was a time when sleeping with one eye open ever since. Time has demonstrated that the Californians haven't touched an art they didn't improve a pocket they didn't relieve. (Laughter and applause.)

"California gave New York Frank Norris, whose *McTeague* was one of the greatest of American novels; Mark Twain, a good good part of Mark Twain. (Cheers and applause.) We want New York a couple of feet higher. (Laughter.)

"The government began with our coming. There hasn't been good grazing left for a goat south of the Harlem River since the Californians crossed the continent. (Laughter.)

President McGanney called on the bunch to stand and face toward the west, and drink a toast in memory of the old and the new California. The toast was drunk to wild cheers.

Secretary Eugene J. Cantin read letters of regret from Gov. George F. Peck, of California; President Benjamin E. Wheeler of the University of California; President David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford, Jr. College; and President J. H. McLaughlin of San Diego and others.

Then the toastmaster called on William A. Brady, whereupon a host of voices before he said: "You may think it's a very thing for me to attempt an address to my native State, but I've been all over the world, but the only place I sure want to see again before I cash in my chips is dear old Frisco. (Cheers and applause.)

"I have not the ambition to write California's history, but I have the ambition to be a jealous critic of the man who does. That book must be a collection of facts and figures, but it must be a book that nobody could have handed folks in Frisco a book like that. *Fads and Fancies* took at \$1,000 a page. When a man got anything you could get that it was a good thing. I don't care how easy, and that's why I think that Californians who made their mark at home were able to do big things here in New York and wherever else they went.

"Now about what California has done for the stage. Here in the East in the old days when you saw a great actor he was a star all by himself. Out there he had a habit of putting him in with two other actors. There has never been such a stock company as appeared in the old California Theatre where they put on the classics with casts that fed even the best actors in the East. I have seen the best actors in the world here in old New York in the showmen of those days, California was the golden land for the 'goods,' and the goods were delivered.

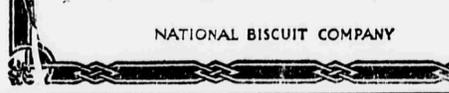
The greatest names in the history of the American stage figured in casts only in Frisco. John McCullough, second only to Frodo, was the great star of the world's robust tragedians, and in his court there were other great names. So did Lawrence Barrett, who loomed up big in the affections of the same public that in his first prime worshipped Edwin Booth also. The Booths of then knew some of the things that the Booths of now know that matter there was not at the time a distinguished figure in our theatre who was not known to and helped by California. Dear Annie Pauley, John L. Lee, a handsome young actor, John T. Raymond, Billy Florence, all made their mark and struck pay dirt in dear old Frisco, town. Coming a little further along in time, up to date, so to speak, and we find that the greatest of the dramatic genius and most honored woman on the American stage, Miss Maude Adams, served her apprenticeship in the water tank works of the Pacific coast.

The greatest name in his line on the American theatre to-day, the stage manager who has achieved wonderful things and who is admitted to be the wizard of the theatre, stern and worked in a Baldwin theatre in San Francisco for 23 years. He was born in and came from San Francisco. I refer to David Belasco. They knew what good acting was out there and insisted on having the best. They had a habit of mounting another shall I say act? Yes, an act two men who came here and revolutionized it. They have reference to those eminent artists, James J. Corbett and James J. Jeffries. They can't forget the California land. They produced the best, whether it is in fruit or in art.

Mr. Brady wound up by lauding William A. Brady as a great Californian and declared that he will be elected Governor of the State next November, and may serve to put a native son of the golden West in the White House.

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up in Pa'adies. (Laughter and applause.) "Speaking of Hearst reminds me of his father. He was a great man, too. He never bet on anything that wasn't a sure thing. One day he wandered into the only white man's refuge, a tarragon, and sat down to write a letter. "How'd it spell bird? says the old man to the barkeep. "B-i-r-d, says the barkeep. "The old man finished the letter. Next day somebody who had heard the conversation went to Hearst. "I'll bet \$20 you can't spell bird, George," says the man. "Holl' said the man, 'You didn't spell it that way yesterday.' "Certainly," said the father of William R. Hearst, "I can't spell bird yesterday. Others that made short talks were Rev. Dr. Robert McKenzis, F. Drew Hughes and Louis Wiley. Among the former all-formers present were Alfred Wheat, Joseph R. Grissler, Randall H. Ludlow, John Hays Hammond, the engineer, W. P. Colton of the Lackawanna Railroad, Jerome Case Bill, E. S. Williams, Duke Baker, J. O'Hara Cosgrave, H. B. Wilson, Dr. Robert Eugene Payne, J. Warren Vreeland, Severance Johnson, W. March, Dr. Milton Franklin, Dr. William Payne Simpson and George Noakes. "E. H. Wooster (a noted coin hunter) had a place reserved at a table, but he was on hand.

Dr. Takamine and Baron Takaki came in, and they made a few remarks about the difficulties of the work of Orphan Asylum.

Miss Hayashi, who has been the chief mover in the work of getting up the entertainment, as she came from Japan recently, explained the purpose of raising the fund for the institution in question, next made an address, which was interpreted by an American who had been in Japan on a missionary and knows the Japanese language fairly well. He made apologies for spoiling Miss Hayashi's beautiful Japanese speech, and indicated that the audience, and then she sank backward. He rushed to her, she fell over in fits and died in a few minutes.

The meeting was to have been succeeded by a sociable and supper. These were postponed. In place of them the pastor uttered a prayer for the dead woman. Those present were much affected.

Dr. Justin, a relative of the clergyman, and Dr. Spaulding, after examining her, said that Mrs. Orlé probably died of heart disease and that death exist have ensued immediately after falling in the pastor's arms. Her husband and two children were in another room of the church when she was stricken. They were promptly notified and arrived too late to see her alive.

Seth Low on graft. Talks at the Church Club's Dinner About the Downfall of the Politic.

The Church Club at its nineteenth annual dinner at Delmonico's last night heard Ex-Mayor Seth Low, president of public officials, who said, hold high office and descend in to the grafting methods of the lowest professional politicians.

With President George MacCulloch Miller at the guests' table were Bishop Greer, the Rev. Dr. Endicott Peabody, head of Groton School, Dean Robbins of the General Seminary, the Rev. Dr. W. M. Grosvenor, rector of St. Ann's, the Rev. Dr. A. S. Lloyd and August Belmont, Seth Low and George Wharton Pepper of Philadelphia.

The Rev. Hugh Breckhead, the new rector of St. George's Church, made his first public appearance since his election. He had a seat at the guests' table, but did not speak. The club had invited the Rev. J. M. Chew of Newburg who at the last diocesan convention offered the unopposed resolution that the diocesan convention should be held in New York City.

"It is charged," said Bishop Greer, the first speaker, "that the average man is uneducated and pleasure loving in an age having those characteristics. Perhaps he is. But it is the American layman more than it is anybody else who can establish a reputation for himself. He can do so, or else, can set the moral and ethical code. That is his great responsibility, and he can't escape it. Peabody came out flatfooted for football. It is his school when President Roosevelt's son attended.

The Rev. W. M. Grosvenor discussed "The Responsibilities of Laymen in Business," and then Seth Low took up the discussion. "The duty of the layman to the State," said he, "is the same as that of a clergyman that he shall be a good citizen—not a good lay figure."

"It is not possible for every good citizen to go to the primaries, but he can help his city and his State and he must be guided by something higher than his own pocket. Too often he lets business interests shut his eyes. And if he does he is on the high road to become a very poor citizen. "How are you going to raise the standard when the merchant gives the policeman's graft for obstructing the sidewalk? "We have been dismayed by what has been brought out in the recent life insurance investigations. Men we thought of high character and to whom we have given the highest positions in public life have done it in a way precisely what the meanest politician does.

"How can you expect to keep the humble politician on a higher standard? How politics on a higher standard when there are those in office whose presence there means the prevalence of honest graft. "I can conceive of no better life insurance goes to the primaries may be of a service to the community that the professional politicians cannot be. But the great mass of people who want better services of their officials are out of touch with them. "When it comes to a decision of right and wrong there is only one decision a honest man can make. The public man may know the path to exile, but he must never know the path to dishonor."

Wilmington Brokers Assn. WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 15.—The brokerage firm of L. Evans & Co. made an assignment to-day. The liabilities are estimated at about \$300,000 and \$400,000, with assets about one-half, although no definite figures are given.

ALBANY SOLONS TO GET BUSY.

THE INSURANCE REPORT EXPECTED NEXT WEEK.

Notice Served in the Senate of a Call of the House for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, for the presentation of Banking Department to Be Taken Up.

ALBANY, Feb. 15.—The legislative mill is to grind with increased activity during the coming week. The decks are to be cleared for action on the insurance report and the recommendations of the committee in the shape of bills. To-day notices were served in the Senate that a call of the House would be ordered for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, so as to insure a full attendance of all Senators on the three days. The Armstrong investigating committee feels that it can submit the report to the Legislature next week. Final conference will be held in New York City tomorrow and Saturday. It is the insurance report that has been awaited, and which is to engage the attention of the Legislature to the greatest extent from now until the close of the session. Other matters are expected to receive but little consideration owing to the importance of the insurance question.

While there are a number of resolutions pending for investigation of some kind or other, particularly the New York City merger, it is extremely improbable that there will be any more investigations. As far as the Assembly is concerned it will not adopt any more investigating resolutions until some assurance is received from the Senate as to what it will do in the event of a resolution going to that house. Members of the Assembly do not like the idea of going to the Senate to investigate a matter of this kind. All corporate legislation comes to that body after the Assembly has acted, and this makes the members of the lower house angry, especially when the Senate buries the legislation or defeats it on the floor.

This year the "commercial" Senators will not dare to take chances on the Assembly Committee on Rules, as was the custom in former years, so that the Senate will be left out for itself. One member puts it in this way: "It may not be as profitable for Assemblymen as it once was, but there is a wide field for the members of the Senate who do not expect to return, as the majority of the present body does not."

Next Tuesday the Senate Finance Committee is to take up the resolution calling for an investigation of the state Banking Department. A resolution was moved today from Senator George R. Malyb, the chairman of the committee, announcing that he could not attend the session this week owing to illness. At the same time Senator John P. Aldis said that the Governor had transmitted to him the charges and had appointed a hearing upon the second day in the Banking Department. The documents were sealed in an envelope and the Finance Committee chairman said his report would be submitted to the committee before the regular meeting of the Finance Committee next week.

The Finance Committee will be expected to be called upon to say whether or not Supreme Court Justice Warren B. Booker will be placed on trial for the second time next fall. A City Council party leaders are of the opinion that if the resolution providing for another trial is put to a vote will be defeated in the Senate. It is argued that it is better to have a record of having refused another trial than to run the risk of the scandal such as the trial of last summer, especially in view of the fact that next fall a City Council campaign will be in progress.

The so-called gas bill from New York City will be taken up in the Assembly next week. It will be expected to be taken up in the Assembly next week. It will be expected to be taken up in the Assembly next week. It will be expected to be taken up in the Assembly next week.

Assemblyman Burns (Dem.) introduced a bill increasing the number of City Court Justices in New York City from 10 to 12 and fixing their salary at \$12,000 a year. A bill to legislate out of office Rapid Transit Commissioners by Assemblyman A. E. Smith (Dem.) provides that the Commissioners must be residents of the State, and if at any time they are not residents of this State their offices shall become vacant. Mr. Cladin, according to Mr. Smith, is a resident of Morristown, N. J.

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A bill introduced by Senator Coghessall proposes the amending of all laws which affect the work of the city which access can be had from every room. Another bill introduced by Senator Coghessall aims to make it an offense to bring out convictions for selling cigarettes to boys under 16 years of age. The bill provides that the penalty shall be a fine of \$500, or imprisonment for 60 days, or both, one-half to go to the party on whose conviction the conviction is secured.

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ELISBERG GOES ON WARPATH.

HEARD THAT THE COUNTY COMMITTEE DIDN'T LIKE HIS BILL.

Tells Them It's a Measure the People Want—Wells Reports That It Isn't One the Bronx Wants—Committee Wasn't Going to Touch It Last Night Anyhow.

Senator Elisberg closed last night's meeting of the Republican county committee with some reticence of manner demanded to know if the statements he had read and heard that there was an intention on the part of some of the officials of the committee to commit that body against his rapid transit bill were true and if so, what authority those officials had. He said: "I would like to say to those members who have been talking about strengthening the Republican party by passing a direct nomination law that the way to add strength to the organization is not by talking about changes in the methods of making nominations. The way for the Republicans to win elections is to pass measures that the people want. I want to ask if the county committee through the executive committee or through any of its officers, has taken any position on the Rapid Transit bill."

"It is at any rate one of the matters on which the Republican county committee might better take a stand than giving its time to such petty matters as the means of nominating candidates. If this committee is to commit itself on the rapid transit bill, which has been framed for the purpose of curbing the monopoly of the rapid transit facilities of this city, it is I and those who are with me behind the bill should have an opportunity for a hearing in public.

Chairman Parsons—If the newspaper statements you say you have read referred to me, I want to say that I have said nothing for publication except only that I wanted to study the situation in order to arrive at a proper solution of the problem. I can assure you also that the executive committee has taken no action of any kind on the bill.

Senator Elisberg replied that he was not referring to the chairman. "Mr. Parsons—I understood that the final draft of your bill had not been completed. Mr. Elisberg—The Rapid Transit bill is now before the Senate City Committee. It is similar to the one which was introduced last year, but, like the Rapid Transit Commission, we have learned a lot in the last year. I believe that it is a more advantageous to make some amendments. But I can say that the majority of the committee is in favor of reporting some bill which will relieve the people of this city from dependence upon the interests behind the traction merger.

James L. Wells asked if it was the intention of the county committee to give the people of this city a chance to be heard on the bill. "There has been a public hearing on it," Mr. Elisberg replied. "The people of this city did not receive a notice of that hearing." Mr. Wells retorted: "I believe also that there is a way in which the Republicans can win a majority in the County Committee. It is to pass bills for the Republican Legislature not to pass bills that the people do not want."

"I can tell you right now that the residents of the Bronx do not want the so-called Elisberg bill. It is objectionable to them because it shifts their chances of more subway lines to the Rapid Transit Commission, which has the power to make contracts for tunnels under the North and East rivers, but not under the Harlem. I said that."

"If the bill wants to discuss the rapid transit situation with me I am ready, but all I asked for was a chance to be heard in public if the matter should be taken up in the County Committee. Senator Elisberg interrupted heatedly. The subject was dropped.

MR. IVINS SAYS SO. The City Can Build and Equip Its Subways Without the Aid of the Trust. W. M. Ivins, who is seeking to organize the civic and business associations of the city to work for the passage of the Elisberg transit bill, issued a statement yesterday declaring that the purpose of the bill is to prevent the new subways from falling into the possession of what he termed the traction trust. Part of Mr. Ivins' statement read:

"The city can own itself and its subways, and control the trust by building and equipping its subways without the aid of the trust. It can find numerous contractors, and it can save profits, such as the \$7,000,000 Mr. McDonald made by sub-leasing. It has ample funds to do this, and the work can proceed at once. Moreover, the work will be on routes which will relieve and serve the city as a whole, instead of merely relieving and serving the trust, thereby increasing the latter's opportunity for supreme and irresponsible dictatorship."

When the roads are ready for operation the city can make proposals for bids, and will get higher prices than it can possibly get now, because the franchises will be worth so much more. The city will be able to get the contracts as had which will prevent competition and after providing a proper return to an honest capitalization look to the reduction of the tax for transportation. The city may then engage with the successful bidder for the operation of the road. "But if a conspiracy of capital seeks to strangle competition then that conspiracy, while it may succeed in competition with the trust, that power alone will be sufficient to enable the city to make satisfactory contracts, for the trust will have to succumb to the city."

The question now is, shall the city hold its club, or shall it pass it on to the trust, to be used against the people? FAREWELL TO THE VICEROYS. They Have Gone to Study Europe in the Interest of China. Viceroy Tuan Fang and Tai Hung Chi and their suite sailed yesterday from Hoboken for Hamburg aboard the Hamburg-American liner Bluecher to study things in Europe. The revenue cutter Calumet was put at the disposal of the Chinese Minister, Choung-Ming-Ling-Cheng, the Chinese Consul and Vice-Consul at this port, a score of Chinese merchants and a party of Americans who went on to the bay and gave a farewell dinner to the viceroy's suite. The Chinese Minister and his suite were accompanied by the Chinese Consul and Vice-Consul at this port, a score of Chinese merchants and a party of Americans who went on to the bay and gave a farewell dinner to the viceroy's suite.

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Senate in favor of the Hepburn bill to prevent the insertion of any provision allowing the Federal judiciary to pass upon the reasonableness of a rate fixed by the commission. So it is evident that neither of the opposing factions cares to put to the test at this time the one great question at issue in this railway rate legislation.

A delegation of prominent coal operators from the West and Southwest waited on Senator Elkins, chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, to-day and submitted to him a petition for the Interstate Commerce Commission power over rates except with full provision for the review of the acts of the commission in the courts. The coal men also made the statement that, "judging the future by the past," the Interstate Commerce Commission is a means of demoralization, retrogression and confiscation.

The delegation included some of the most prominent coal operators in the Middle West and South. Its chairman was John R. Atkinson of Earlinton, Ky., and the secretary was H. W. Davis of Louisville, Ky. Other members represented a production of over 35,000,000 tons of coal annually, with an investment of \$95,000,000, employing 55,000 men. Senator Elkins assured the committee that its action in coming personally to Washington to submit its statement was appreciated, and that its views would receive the consideration from the members of the Committee on Interstate Commerce.

New York Central Pleads Not Guilty. ALBANY, Feb. 15.—The New York Central Railroad, by Attorney William P. Ridd of this city, to-day entered a plea of not guilty to the indictment charging rate discrimination. The plea was entered in the United States District Court. He was allowed twenty days in which to change the plea, file a demurrer or make a new motion.

GRAPE-NUTS BETTER THAN PIE Not Only the New Food But the Good Wife as Well. When they brought the new food, Grape-Nuts, into the house the husband sampled it first and said, "It's better than pie!" When it brought back the good health to the wife's cheeks, his admiration for it and her was increased, so she says, and the rest of her story follows: "From childhood I was troubled with constant and often acute indigestion, and when my baby was born it turned out that he had inherited the awful ailment. A friend told me of Grape-Nuts and I invested in a box and began to eat according to directions. It was after only a few days that I found my long abused stomach was growing stronger and that the attacks of indigestion were growing less frequent, and in an incredibly short time they ceased altogether. With my perfect digestion restored came strong nerves, clear, active brain, the glow of health to my cheeks, and I know I was a better wife and mother and more agreeable to live with under the new conditions. "When the boy came to be 10 months old he developed such an appetite his dyspepsia disappeared with mine that his mother's milk was not sufficient for him. He rejected all baby foods, however, till I tried Grape-Nuts food, at which time he began to eat and gain weight. He now demands it at every meal and was much put out when he dined at a hotel a few days ago because the waitress could not fill his order for Grape-Nuts. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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